

# FORGOTTEN!

## AN-OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE

Fort Bragg, NC  
18 Nov 1971

To all concerned citizens, GIs and WACs,

We are 26 of the 138 black GIs and WACs from Ft McClellan, Alabama, that were picked up Monday night in a police dragnet, beaten and arrested, because, according to one MP, "We have orders to pick up all Blacks we see." That order was given by the fort's paranoid Brass to break up a peaceful greivence rally of military personnel by any means nessesary.

The rally was formed to protest unfair Army practices and a racist attack Sunday night with an automobile on a group of black servicemen and women, injuring 5 WACs and 1 GI.

Fort McClellan MPs using reinforcements from the 3rd Army NCO School broke up the rally and proceded to arrest people there and any Black unfortunste enough to be caught outside. A helicopter was used to spot and herd Blacks into the hands of MP patrols, where they were then vamped on, beaten, threatened with loaded pistols and tricked into resisting with taunts of "Fight, nigger, fight." After being arrested they were thrown into an overcrowded cell without having their rights or charges read to them. Throughout Tuesday, 26 handcuffed detainees were flown by helicopter to the Ft Bragg Stockade and put into solitary on "John Doe" confinement orders. While confined without charges they have only been allowed a brief exercise period, no heat Tuesday night, cold food and denied telephone privliges on the excuse that the new, million dollar stockade's phone is "out of order."

We feel that the only thing "out of order" is the Brass's racist suppression of GI and human rights.

We need the support of all people who feel that repression cannot go on unheeded or unchallenged and that an attack on any person's rights is a threat to everyone's.

Please show your concern for our plight and your outrage at this blow to human dignity by signing this petition to Congress and by writing your own Congreeman demanding that justice be rightfully served.

For more information on what's happaning or what you can do please call 485-5725 or come down to Haymarket Square Coffeehouse at the corner of Hay St and Bragg Blvd in down town Fayetteville.